

# THE NEW GOLD FIELD!

## THE BIG HORN COUNTRY LOOMING UP!

An Expedition Going in April, 1877.

AN OUTFITTING POINT WITHIN  
150 MILES!

The Best Route, Etc, via Rawlins,  
Wyoming Territory!

Inasmuch as the cry of "On to the Big Horn!" is being raised all over the land at the present time, and will increase during the coming season, it is of vital importance to every person contemplating a visit to the *Gold Fields* to know where is the most promising field for the prospector, and which is the best route to go there.

The "Big Horn Country" has become so widely known, and advertised over the country as the real aurora for gold seekers, that little need be said now about it. The Big Horn Mountains lie in a northwest and southeasterly direction; are nearly 200 miles in length, and from 40 to 60 miles in width. The plains or prairie country on the Big Horn river are 100 miles wide, and about 150 long, which have a fertility that cannot be excelled; and in time is destined to furnish remunerative business for thousands of people in the cultivation of the soil and in stock raising; the numerous creeks furnish water enough to irrigate all the available lands and supply the power for mills.

The creeks have a heavy wash, showing granite, slate and quartz; gold has been found in all of them; reports of prospects found, nuggets shown by Indians, who say that they came from this range, all point to the conclusion that gold is there in paying quantities; and over a large extent of country. What is next of special interest, is the route to this field of wealth; as hundreds and thousands of persons throughout the States and Territories have their hopes fixed on getting there; hence the importance of the best route.

This would necessarily include safety, directness and celerity. Those going to the "Big Horn" will naturally look for these, and the route possessing these advantages must, in the nature of things, become the favorite; as speed and safety are the two characteristics of the age. Delays are dangerous, and time is money.

There are several routes now being talked of and advocated from different points on the line of the Union Pacific Railroad, but the most direct, practicable and in every way desirable is from

## RAWLINS, CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING.

Cheyenne is over 400 miles, one half of which is over an unknown country, while Evanston is 300 miles, and Green River 240 miles through an unknown country.

From Rawlins the distance is 150 miles, and over a country with a bountiful supply of wood, water and grass. The road is well known to within 25 miles of the "Big Horn." There is now a regular mail service on 45 miles of the route, that is to the "Farris" and "Seminole" mining districts, where there are now three mining companies working large lodes. Sixty miles out from Rawlins the route passes the famous "Soda Lakes," owned by Mr. Dupart, the gun powder manufacturer of Philadelphia. These lakes cover over 600 acres and contain a solid bed of soda, 90 per cent. pure. A large body of men will be employed here during the coming season. Sixty-five miles out the road crosses the Sweetwater river at the old stage road crossing, where there is a good wagon bridge. This is the only stream of any size or importance on the route; from there it is 60 miles to the Powder river, and from there to the Big Horn it is 25 miles.

An expedition of from 200 to 300 old miners and mountaineers will start from the town of Rawlins, Wyoming Territory, between the 1st and 10th of April, 1877, for these rich gold fields, headed by the oldest and most experienced miners and mountaineers in the western country, and it is desired by those going with the expedition to increase their numbers to the largest extent possible, in order to secure practical success in prospecting and mining. Eugene S. Topping and G. D. Tupper have spent several winters in the Big Horn Range trapping and prospecting, and know the country. They speak of it in the highest terms, verifying all that has been said of it; both of these gentlemen propose going there with this expedition in the spring. Should the expedition desire it, they can be secured as guides.

All who contemplate going to the new gold fields during the coming season should arrange to go with this party, as "the early bird catches the worm," and whether you desire to go so early in the season or not, Rawlins is certainly the point to start from. From its natural geographical position it must be the favored route.

Rawlins is the county seat of Carbon county, and is a lively, flourishing town, with large stores, shops, hotels, etc., where everything wanted for outfitting an expedition or a single man can be bought at as reasonable a price as at any other point in Wyoming.

Horses, wagons, provisions, etc., can be had here as cheaply as they can be brought here, and much cheaper than small quantities could be brought here. Team horses are worth from \$40 to \$100, saddle horses perhaps cheaper. Flour is selling at \$4 per cwt., bacon at from 16 to 18 cents. Everything the miner and prospector wants can be bought here at the lowest prices.

Any person desiring information can write to Hon. J. C. Friend, Capt. Jas. Lang, Judge H. F. Errett, Judge M. E. Hosker, Samuel Morgan, Hon. P. L. Smith, or G. Carl Smith, Attorney at Law, Rawlins, Wyoming Territory, and their inquiries will receive prompt answers on all matters relating to this subject, or any matters concerning the interests of Wyoming.

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